

## John Crosse collection [cartographic materials, textual records, graphic materials]

### SUPPLIED TITLE NOTE

Title based on the name of the creator of the records.

### COLLECTION NUMBER

VMM29

### DATE(S)

1975-2005

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

20 cm of textual, graphic, and cartographic material

### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Crosse was born in New Zealand in 1917. After attaining an undergraduate degree from Cambridge, Cross completed a Master's degree in Engineering at Purdue University in Indiana. In 1959 he immigrated to Canada with his young family. Although he worked for some time as an engineer, Crosse was most passionate about British Columbia's maritime history. By 1968 he had written and published a centennial history of the *Thermopylae*, a clipper ship that patrolled British Columbia's coast in the 19th century. In the 1980s, Crosse began researching the first explorations of Europeans to North America's West Coast. He spend a number of summers in the 1990s following and documenting the precise route taken by Spanish explorers through British Columbia's Gulf Islands. As part of his research of these explorations, Crosse traveled to Spain and California to acquire background information and photocopies of rare maps made by the early European explorers. In 1994 he wrote and published some of the findings of his research trips in an article titled "In the Wake of the Spaniards: Through the Rosario Strait". Crosse continued to write and complete other manuscripts including "In the Wake of Narvaez" and "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover". John Crosse passed away in 2006.

### SCOPE & CONTENT

Collection consists of records created by John Crosse, a local maritime historian. The records relate to his research and writings for numerous maritime-themed journal and newspaper articles as well as drafts of his self-published manuscripts: "Thermopylae"; "In the Wake of Narvaez"; and "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover".

### ARRANGEMENT

Records arranged by archivist.

### LANGUAGES

English

### RELATED MATERIALS

See the "John Crosse Fonds" at the UBC Rare Books and Special Collections Department. A copy of the finding aid for these records is included in Box 1.

### RESTRICTIONS

**Reproductions:** Credit J. Crosse

### RELATED VESSELS

*Thermopylae*

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## Collection Contents

### John Crosse collection

#### Thermopylae research file, vol. 1

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: research related to John

Crosse's published history of the *Thermopylae* which includes photocopies and print-outs of articles, maps, paintings, lists of crew and captains, some original correspondence and notes relating to the ship and her history.

### **Thermopylae research file, vol. 2**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: research related to John Crosse's published history of the *Thermopylae* which includes photocopies of articles, maps, drawings and paintings, 4 underwater photographs, and original correspondence relating to the publication of the book and editing of the text.

### **"Thermopylae: The Challenge" - master book draft**

File consists of material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: a photocopy of the master book draft of the work "Thermopylae: The Challenge", Second Edition, 2005, 161 p.

### **"In the Wake of Narvaez" - second draft, vol. 1**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: a copy of the Second Draft, Vol. 1 of "In the Wake of Narvaez: The Spanish Discovery of Vancouver, Tracing the route of the 1791 Eliza Expedition in the Gulf of Georgia.", Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 2003, 66 p.

### **"In the Wake of Narvaez" - second draft, vol. 2**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: a copy of the Second Draft, Vol. 2 of "In the Wake of Narvaez: The Spanish Discovery of Vancouver, Tracing the route of the 1791 Eliza Expedition in the Gulf of Georgia.", Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 2003, pp. 67-203.

### **"In the Wake of Narvaez" - master photographs and illustrations**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: the master photographs and illustrations selected for the Second Draft of "In the Wake of Narvaez: The Spanish Discovery of Vancouver, Tracing the route of the 1791 Eliza Expedition in the Gulf of Georgia.", Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 2003.

### **"Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - master photographs and illustrations**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: master photographs and illustrations to be included in the work "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover", Vancouver, January 2003.

### **"Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - third draft, vol. 1**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: the master copy of the third draft of Vol. 1 of the work "Thomas Manby, Seaman and Lover: the journal of one of Captain Vancouver's midshipmen, 1791-93, edited by John Crosse. Vancouver, January 2002, 104 p.

### **"Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - third draft, vol. 2**

File consists of archival material and ephemera related to the John Crosse collection. This includes: the master copy of the third draft of Vol. 2 of the work "Thomas Manby, Seaman and Lover: the journal of one of Captain Vancouver's midshipmen, 1791-93, edited by John Crosse. Vancouver, January 2002, pp. 105-207